

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554

In the Matter of)
)
Joint Petition for Forbearance From the Current)
Pricing Rules for the Unbundled Network Element) WC Docket No. 03-189
Platform)
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ORDER**Adopted: October 19, 2004****Released: October 19, 2004**

By the Chief, Pricing Policy Division:

1. On July 31, 2003, Qwest Corporation, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., and SBC Communications Inc. (Petitioners) filed a Joint Petition for Expedited Forbearance asking the Commission to forbear from: (1) the rules allowing competitive local exchange carriers (LECs) that lease the unbundled network element (UNE) Platform to collect per-minute switching access charges from interexchange carriers; and (2) applying the Total Element Long Run Incremental Cost (TELRIC) pricing methodology to the UNE-Platform, and to apply the resale pricing standard instead.¹ On October 18, 2004, Petitioners filed a request to withdraw their petition.² In this Order, we grant Petitioners' request to withdraw and dismiss their petition without prejudice.

2. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED, pursuant to the authority delegated under sections 0.91 and 0.291 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91 and 0.291, that the request of QWEST CORPORATION, BELL SOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC., and SBC COMMUNICATIONS INC. to withdraw the above-captioned petition for forbearance IS GRANTED.

3. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, pursuant to the authority delegated under sections 0.91 and 0.291 of the Commission's rules, 47 C.F.R. §§ 0.91 and 0.291, that the above-captioned petition for forbearance IS DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION



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¹ Joint Petition for Forbearance From the Current Pricing Rules for the Unbundled Network Element Platform, WC Docket No. 03-189, Joint Petition of Qwest Corporation, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., and SBC Communications Inc. for Expedited Forbearance (filed July 31, 2003) (Joint Petition). The Joint Petition sought the same relief sought by Verizon in a similar petition. See *Verizon Telephone Companies' Petition for Forbearance From the Current Pricing Rules for the Unbundled Network Element Platform*, WC Docket No. 03-157, Petition for Expedited Forbearance of the Verizon Telephone Companies (filed July 1, 2003).

² Joint Petition for Forbearance From the Current Pricing Rules for the Unbundled Network Element Platform, WC Docket No. 03-189, Letter from Cronan O'Connell, Vice President-Federal Regulatory, Qwest, to Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, Federal Communications Commission (filed Oct. 18, 2004).